National Stage of PCT/EP03/04148 Attorney Docket No. B1180/20030

Preliminary Amendment Dated 21 October 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended, claims 1-13 are amended and claims

14-15 are added. Claims 1-15 are pending. An Abstract of the Disclosure is attached on a

separate sheet. No new matter is added.

This Amendment is submitted to better conform the application to United States practice

by, inter alia, eliminating multiple dependencies from the claims and adding section headings to

the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good form for initial examination on

Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully the merits.

requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the

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application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is

invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please charge or credit our Account No. 03-0075 as necessary to effect entry and/or ensure consideration of this submission.

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